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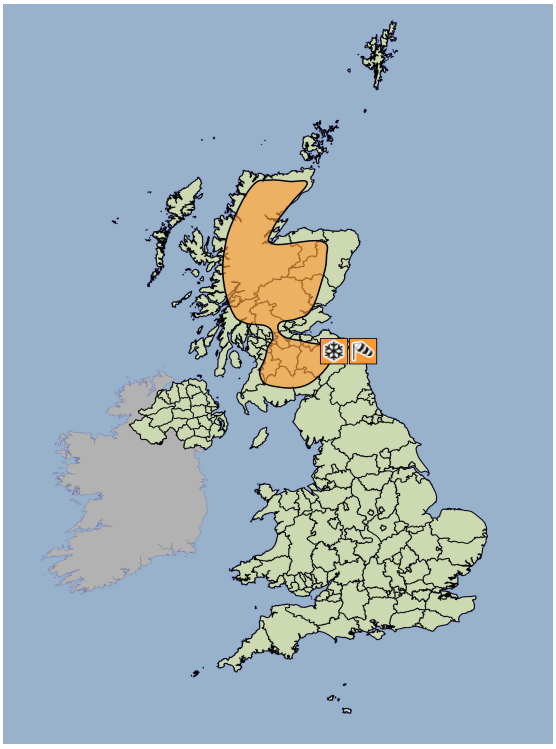

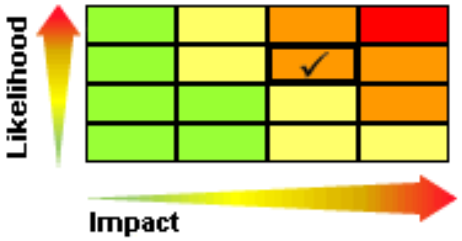

Chief Forecasters Assessment
An active cold front will introduce much colder air from the northwest on Friday evening, originating from Arctic Canada. This airmass will be very unstable and produce frequent snow and hail showers, with thunder possible at times. Given the showery nature of the snow, some locations may see relatively little, but some locally large accumulations are likely over a short period of time - this more likely across the north and west of the amber area.

The Met Office have issued an **Amber Warning** of **Wind and Snow**

Valid from **18:00 on Fri, 29th Jan 2016** until **11:00 on Sat, 30th Jan 2016**

A band of rain will move in from the northwest on Friday evening and quickly turn to snow before it clears. Frequent snow showers are then expected overnight and well into Saturday, heavy at times, with some more prolonged spells of snow likely. 5 to 10 cm snowfall is likely to accumulate quite widely, with over 15 cm in places above 300 metres. Ice is also likely to form on untreated surfaces.

In addition, gusts of 50-60 mph are likely at times, occasionally 70 mph across the far north and west of the amber area and over mountains. This will lead to blizzard conditions at times and drifting of snow. Power supplies may be disrupted by ice accretion and also by lightning strikes, with hail also likely.

Be prepared for transport disruption, difficult driving conditions and disruption to power supplies.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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